

## STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

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For:

LASER SCANNING MICROSCOPE WITH A NON-DESCANNED DETECTION AND/OR OBSERVATION

BEAM PATH

## NOTICE OF RELATED PATENT APPLICATIONS

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Commissioner for Patents PO Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Pursuant to MPEP 2001.06(b), Applicants hereby inform the Examiner that the following U.S. patent applications are assigned to the same entity as the present patent application, and are believed to be classified in related technologies.

Application No. 09/677,685, filed October 2, 2000, now Patent No. 6,631,226;

Application No. 09/563,694, filed May 3, 2000, now Patent No. 6,563,632;

Application No. 09/564,322, filed May 3, 2000, now Patent No. 6,486,458; and

Application No. 09/129,342, filed August 5, 1998, now Patent No. 6,167,173.

It is suggested that the Examiner review these applications and any references cited therein for possible relevance to the present case.

If the Examiner has any questions or wishes to discuss this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned representative at the number set forth below.

Respectfully submitted,

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